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NOTE ON THE SOVIET WORD SPECIAL

There has been some confusion on the meaning of "special" conceal-
ment. After checking with ^{25X1} it seems that by special concealment the Soviets mean acts solely executed for the purpose of concealment.

Thus the Soviets are saying that the Parties undertake not to employ those impediments to national means which were intended solely to impede. The use of the term "special" makes the statement very weak and, in fact, makes the next sentence "This obligation shall not extend to current construction, assembly or overhaul practices." redundant.

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